## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:	) Group Art Unit: 2183
Johannes W. F. Majoor	)  Examiner: Unknown
Serial No.: 09/898,908	)
Filed: July 3, 2001	)
For: MECHANISM AND METHOD FOR SPECIFIED TEMPORAL DEPLOYMENT OF RULES WITHIN A RULE SERVER	) ) )

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to a substantive examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph three on page 1 to page 2 with the following:

--A typically rules-based approach employs one or more sets of rules ("rulesets") that define actions or results that occur upon specified input values or parameters. A rule server is a

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. §1.8a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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